



ST. BERNARD'S

— BACCHUS MARSH PARISH —

Parish Priest | Rev. Fr. John Paul Mount



YEAR C

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12th October 2025

— MORE SAINTS —

The last two weeks, we have had some guest contributors. So, thanks to Nathan Costin and Rebecca Comini for writing on our front page about our new saints, Ss Pier Georgio Frassatti and Carlo Acutis. We have some incredible parishioners around us and I'm always eager for our Parish to benefit from their talents. Plus, it was great to have a couple of weeks off...

Let's continue the Saints theme. Last week, and this coming week, we are surrounded by some great feast days. Rather than pick one, let's look at all of them. Hopefully, one them will pique your interest and you will further research them on your own initiative.

6th October, St Bruno (1033-1101). St Bruno lived around the same time as St Bernard. He founded the Carthusian Order at Chartreuse. If Chartreux reminds you of the drink, it should, and get used to it; monks making your favourite drink is a common theme. The Carthusians live in silence. The movie "Into Great Silence" is about their life and beautifully ends with the glowing Tabernacle light, which is the silent meaning and explanation of such a life.

7th October, Our Lady of the Rosary. This feast marks the victory at the Battle of Lepanto in 1571. The great Dominican Pope, St Pius V, asked the Church to pray the rosary to defend Europe from the Ottoman naval fleet which had its eyes on Rome. There are many incredible details about this victory under Don John of Austria which you can research. Another battle to research is the Battle of Vienna in 1683 where John Sobieski, King of Poland, saved a besieged Vienna with a cavalry charge by his famous winged Hussars – a scene that inspired Tolkien's charge of the Rohirrim in *Return of the King*. This battle is also part of the story of the feast day of The Holy Name of Mary.

9th September, St John Henry Newman (1801-1890). Cardinal St John Henry Newman was only recently made a Doctor of the Church. He was a world renowned Anglican in his day and his conversion to Catholicism sent 'shock waves' around the world, as we would say today. In trying to find the Apostolic foundations of Anglicanism in the 'Oxford Movement', he found the foundations of the Catholic Church. He remains one of the great intellects of modern times. You can read his story of conversion in his *Apologia pro Vita Sua*, or in many of his other writings. Late in life, he was made a Cardinal; perhaps you can start by reading his sermon on that occasion.

Oh dear, we've almost run out of room for more saints! I can't possibly do justice to the next three saints. Anyway... 15th October, St Teresa of Avila (1515-1582). St Teresa, Carmelite, is a spiritual master of the Church. She has written many works on prayer. The best place to start is her autobiography, 'The Life of Saint Teresa by Herself'. If you manage to finish it, I dare say you will be changed forever.

16th October, St Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690). Our Lord appeared to St Margaret Mary to spread devotion to His Sacred Heart. The image and devotion to His Sacred Heart, like our statue in the Sanctuary, is for the most part thanks to this event.

17th October, St Ignatius of Antioch (unknown-107). I'll keep this until next week, which will give me an opportunity to speak on the 'Apostolic Fathers'.

Rev. Fr. John Paul Mount

— SUNDAY MASSES —

Saturday 5:00pm (Vigil)
Sunday 8:30am & 10:30am

OLHC, Korobeit

1st & 3rd Saturday
18th Oct & 1st Nov 6:30pm (Vigil)

— WEEKDAY MASSES —

Mon no Mass
Tue, Thu, Fri 7:30am
Wed, Sat 9:30am

— CONFESSION —

30 minutes prior to each Mass
& during Holy Hour

— DEVOTIONS —

Mon 3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Tue 7:00pm Holy Hour
Fri 24 hours First Friday Adoration
Sun 10:00am Rosary (Chapel)

— DIARY —

October

Sat 11th Reconciliation Commitment Mass 5pm
Sun 12th Morning Tea after 8:30am Mass
Sun 12th Baptism Preparation Session
Tue 14th Knights of the Southern Cross Meeting 8pm
Fri 24th St Bernard's School Fete
Fri 31st St Bernard's Primary School (whole school) Mass 9:30am

November

Sat 1st St Bernard's Bush Dance
Sun 9th Morning Tea after 8:30am Mass
Sun 9th Baptism Preparation Session
Tue 11th Young Adults Group
Fri 14th Providence & Friends Mass
Thu 20th Sacrament of Reconciliation & Liturgy 6:30pm

— DONATE —

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— Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people and adults. —

PARISH NEWS

ST BERNARD'S SCHOOL FETE

Friday 24th October, 4pm - 8pm

St Bernard's School is seeking donations of good quality pre-loved books and toys for re-sale at the School Fete. Donations can be left at the school front office until close of the day on Wednesday 22nd October. Also, if you can bake and would like to donate something for their stall, please contact Ruth at ruth.baas@sbbacchusmarsh.catholic.edu.au or call 5366 5800. Please see notices in the foyer for more information and a chance to win a \$3,000 travel voucher. All proceeds go toward school improvements. Thanks for your support! All parishioners are welcome to the School Fete.

ST BERNARD'S BUSH DANCE

Saturday 1st November

6:00pm at St Bernard's Primary School

St Bernard's will host our second bush dance on Saturday 1st November at 6pm in St Bernard's Primary School hall. Bring your family and friends to enjoy traditional Australian Bush tunes and guided dances by the Bakery Hill Band. No skills needed!

Please bring a plate to share for supper. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided.

Children are encouraged to dress as their favourite saint to celebrate All Saints Day. There will be a fashion parade with prizes to be won!

Book now by scanning the QR code, or by going to www.trybooking.com/DFVFJ

Adults (18+) – \$20

Youth (13-17) – \$10

12 and under – FREE



The Social Committee is asking for donations to help create wonderful raffle prizes to be won at the bush dance. The proceeds will go towards supporting our parish. Donations can be left in the church Gathering Space after each Mass until Sunday 26th October.

PARISH DONATIONS

1st Collection: Presbytery – supports our Parish Priest and priests of the Archdiocese.

2nd Collection: Church – supports our Parish.

A 'Tap & Go' device for donating to the Church account is in the Gathering Space.

Direct transfers can also be made to the Church account:

Account Name: Archdiocese of Melbourne Catholic Development Fund
St Bernard's Parish Bacchus Marsh

BSB: 083 347 Account No.: 651663131

LET US PRAY

Recently Deceased

Edward "Laurie" Shelly, Sr Elle Taffe.

Death Anniversaries

Isabel Aquino, Kevin Bridges, William Duffy,
Fr John Nagle, Betty Williams.

The Sick

Barry Anderson, Brendan Coburn, Kathleen Dally,
Dean Elms, Robert Elms, Nola Franklin,
Frances, Caleb Silas Ginger, Karen & Astrid
Karenpaula, Hannah & Molly, Michael Johnston,
John & Patricia Kelly, Michael Larkin,
Vivian Malubay, Joanne Mumford,
Chinenye Victoria Oriaku Nwalozie,
Peter Roberts, Anthony Tabone, Carmel Welsh,
and all those who need our prayers.

COMMUNITY

Soul Food

Soul Food provides a free meal each Wednesday (excluding school holidays). This community service is held in St Bernard's Parish Centre and is a free event. All are welcome. No need to book – just come along.

St Vincent de Paul Society Vic

Welfare assistance is available Monday - Friday,
10:00am - 3:00pm on 1800 305 330.
Vinnies Store is located at 164-190 Main Street.
Donations can be dropped off 7 days a week.
New members most welcome to our Conference.
Contact President, Peter Kennedy on
0407 778 119.

The Neighbour's Place

The Neighbour's Place is a Christian not-for-profit organisation whose aim is to serve people of the Moorabool Shire who are disadvantaged, at risk, or temporarily unable to feed themselves or their family. They offer a No Interest Loans Scheme.
77 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh
(03) 5367 6222 office@neighboursplace.org.au
9:30am – 12:30pm, Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

Infant Baptism

Baptisms are held on the second & fourth Saturdays of the month at 11:00am. Preparation sessions are facilitated on the second Sunday of the month at 11:30am. Application forms can be downloaded from our website.

Sacraments for Children

If your child does not attend a Catholic school but would like to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation, application forms are available on our website.

Becoming Catholic

For adults wishing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation, you can register your interest on our website or speak directly to Fr John Paul.

Children are to be supervised by a parent/guardian at all times.

SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

Vicki Benson
Jennifer Costin

Ron Geurts

Margaret Love
0437 247 779

Madeleine McManus
Peter Kennedy

REFLECTION

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We have all been on a journey of some kind – short, long, arduous, interesting or scenic. Some journeys are memorable because of the events that occur or the people we have met, or our mode of travel.

On this particular journey, Jesus came across ten ostracised people who had leprosy and according to the law had to remain outside of towns away from other people. When they experienced wellness, they had to report to a priest before they could return to normal life. Jesus told them to do this, and on the way, they realised they were healed. The point of the story is that only one returned to thank Jesus before continuing his journey. He had faith that enabled him to realise why he was healed.

Where am I in this story? The one who gave thanks, or one who took it all for granted? All around us miracles happen every day. Do I take them for granted?

Sr. Mary Fermio

PRAYING THE ROSARY AS A FAMILY

Pope John Paul II wrote in 2002 that the rosary is a prayer of and for the family. 'It is important not to lose this precious inheritance. We need to return to the practice of family prayer and prayer for families, continuing to use the rosary.'

That sounds great in theory, but anyone who has actually tried to pray a rosary with small children knows how challenging it can be. Even as adults it can be a struggle to maintain a consistent prayer life and when we do pray our minds can wander, so it's no surprise that young children find it even harder to focus.

I'm not going to pretend our family rosary is perfect, it's a struggle, but when we do, here are a few things I've found can help.

Firstly, try not to get frustrated when the kids inevitably give up. They might only manage a decade or two before being distracted. It's easy to get irritated and give up yourself, but don't let it stop you from continuing without them.

Rather than just stating each mystery, take the time between each decade to properly explain its meaning. Give the kids a chance to ask questions, even if it means looking up answers as you go.

Encouraging each child to lead a decade can help. They'll probably make mistakes and it might interrupt the flow, but it certainly helps them stay engaged.

Also, try using something other than beads. It could be blocks, a ball that is passed around to the leader, or anything else that helps you stay on track. A method that has worked really well in our house is the use of tealight candles – we set them up around the dinner table before we start and the children take turns blowing out a candle after each prayer. The candlelight sets the right tone for prayer, and it helps the kids stay focused as they wait for their turn.

Our family has a far from perfect prayer life and we're always trying to improve. It would be great to hear from other parishioners how they approach prayer with young children.

Thomas Halloran

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The next meeting of the Knights of the Southern Cross (KSC) will be held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 14th October at 8pm.

CHURCH CLEANING

Thank you to the parishioners who are already assisting with the cleaning of our church. However, we are in need of more volunteers for this important task.

If you are already a volunteer in other areas in our Parish and have completed your Safeguarding requirements, please consider whether you can help clean our Church. We are hoping to set up an annual or 6 monthly roster. The more cleaners we have, the less frequently you'll be scheduled.

Please call or email the Parish Office and let us know what day you would be able to help. Phone: 5367 2069. Email: bacchusmarsh@cam.com.au

MINISTERS

18th & 19th October

Mass	Reader	Holy Communion	Piety Stall
5:00pm	Sonia Smith	John Thorne	Dianne Shelly
8:30am	Meg Kennedy	Colm Carragher	Marj Tung
10:30am	Allan McManus	Jenny Kearney	

CREED

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
[all bow during the next line]
and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified, who has
spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic
and apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward
to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.

AMEN

ST. BERNARD'S PARISH CENTRE

The Parish Centre is available for hire
and can be booked through our Hall
Managers – Marie & Terry Casey.
All use must be authorised by the
Parish Office.

Phone: (03) 5367 3427
Mon - Fri, 9:00am - 6:00pm

Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

First Reading 2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No", allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

Responsorial Psalm Psalms 97:1-4

**R: The Lord has revealed to the nations
his saving power.**

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **Response**

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **Response**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. **Response**

Communion Antiphon

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:
If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.
If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.
If we disown him, then he will disown us.
We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,
for he cannot disown his own self.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now, as they were going away, they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

———— NEXT SUNDAY ————

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

First Reading	Exodus 17:8-13
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 120
Second Reading	2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2
Gospel	Luke 18:1-8